

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2179 – HB 2695

April 18, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016899): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for a person to knowingly maim or inflict harm or attempt to maim or inflict harm on a service dog; to permit a dog that the person owns or is in immediate control of to maim or otherwise inflict harm on a service dog; or to recklessly maim or otherwise inflict harm on a service dog or permit a dog that the person owns or is in immediate control of to maim or otherwise inflict harm on a service dog. Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for a person to knowingly interfere with a service dog in the performance of its duties or to permit a dog the person owns or is in immediate control of to interfere with a service dog in the performance of its duties. Requires the court to order such offender to make full restitution for damages. Specifies if a violation involves a guide dog and the offense results in injury to the dog that permanently deprives the owner of the use of the guide dog's services, nothing in the proposed legislation shall preclude prosecution and conviction for such conduct under Tenn. Code Ann. 39-14-208.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- There will not be a sufficient number of misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- A small increase in cases in the court system will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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